

Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Work Begins

The Rockville Mayor and Council have begun work on the City's Fiscal Year 2012 budget, and are encouraging residents to be involved in the process and give their opinions.

"I just want to let everyone know right now, this is the budget process," said Councilmember John Britton at the Oct. 18 Mayor and Council meeting. "We want to hear. We want to have your input on this. Please do not put off engaging in the process."

On Oct. 18, the Mayor and Council received a budget preview, including an overview of all operating funds, revenue forecasts and rates.

The Mayor and Council are expected to have preliminary discussions on program and project priorities at their meeting on Monday, Nov. 8, based upon surveys completed by each member of the governing body.

The General Fund is the

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

You can tell the Mayor and Council your thoughts on the budget in many ways:

- At Citizens Forum, during Mayor and Council meetings on Mondays at 7 p.m.
- By e-mail to mayorcouncil@rockvillemd.gov
- During drop-in session held monthly before the start of a Mayor and Council meeting
- At public hearings. The first budget public hearing is scheduled for **Monday, Dec. 6, at 7 p.m.** at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave. All are invited to testify.

primary operating fund of the City and is used to account for the majority of the City's daily operations. Many of the City's core services and administrative functions are supported through the General Fund.

The major revenue sources for the General Fund include property tax, income tax, county tax duplication, hotel tax and charges or user fees for services. These revenue sources total 85 percent of the FY11 adopted General Fund budget. FY12 revenue estimates will again be conservative and reflect the current economic conditions.

The General Fund constitutes more than 60 percent of

the City's total budget. The known major cost drivers for the General Fund in FY12 include employee salaries and benefits, the pension fund, retiree health care costs, debt service and transfers to the capital projects, and parking funds.

The adopted Fiscal Year 2011 operating budget is \$104.9 million and the Capital Improvements Program budget totals \$69 million.

To learn more about the current budget and the budget process, as well as to view the budget preview from Oct. 18, go to www.rockvillemd.gov/government/budget. **RR**



Dr. Stephen Cluskey Cromwell in 1944 (left) and 2010 (right) will speak at the City's Veterans Day ceremony.



U.S. Naval Reserve Pharmacist will be Guest Speaker for Veterans Day

Ceremony Set for Thursday, Nov. 11, at Veterans Park

Stephen Cluskey Cromwell, M.D. (retired), a U.S. Naval Reserve veteran who served in five campaigns will be the featured speaker as Rockville honors United States veterans. The annual Veterans Day ceremony will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 11, at Veterans Park.

"Rockville has a proud history of individuals who have served in the armed forces," said Mayor Phyllis Marcuccio. "We not only need to remember their service, but commit to keeping their honor alive."

Rockville's Mayor and Council will lead a tribute to the men and women who have served in the nation's armed forces at Veterans Park, located at the intersection of Rockville Pike and Veirs Mill Road (across

from St. Mary's Church). American Legion Post 86 will lead the wreath-laying ceremony and the Post's Honor Guard will lead the 21-gun salute.

Parking is available at St. Mary's Catholic Church and School or at the Sandy Spring Bank building, located between Fleet Street and Route 355.

Rockville will officially honor the holiday on Thursday, Nov. 11. City Hall will be closed and some facilities will operate on a limited schedule. For more information about specific facilities or programs, call 240-314-5000 or visit www.rockvillemd.gov.

For more information about the Veterans Day ceremony visit www.rockvillemd.gov/events. **RR**

Clarification of Last Month's Article about RedGate's Deficit

Our front-page story in the October 2010 edition of Rockville Reports ("City Reserve Funds to Pay RedGate's Deficit") neglected to report that the Mayor and Council's action to eliminate RedGate's accumulated deficit and projected deficit for the current fiscal year relied in part on \$1.6 million of operating surplus from the previous fiscal year, which did not reduce the City's General Fund reserves below the acceptable minimum level of 15 percent of General Fund revenue. The General Fund reserve level is currently 18.2 percent. We apologize to our readers for omitting these important facts.

On Oct. 13, the first paragraph of the original story was replaced in the on-line edition of Rockville Reports with the following: "The Mayor and Council voted unanimously at their Sept. 20 meeting to use accumulated operating surpluses from FY10 and prior years to cover the RedGate Municipal Golf Course's existing and projected FY11 deficits, together totaling nearly \$2.4 million. With confirmation that this expenditure would not reduce the City's General Fund reserves below the acceptable minimum of 15 percent of General Fund revenue, the Mayor and Council authorized the expenditure, including \$1.6 million from FY10 operating surpluses,



to eliminate an existing \$1.7 million deficit and a projected \$674,000 deficit for FY11." **RR**

City Facilities to Close for Holidays

Rockville City Hall will close for **Veterans Day**, Thursday, Nov. 11; and **Thanksgiving**, Thursday, Nov. 25, and Friday, Nov. 26.

All other City facilities will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and some will operate on limited schedules for Veterans Day and the day after Thanksgiving. Check the website at www.rockvillemd.gov for information about specific facilities and programs.

The City will collect recycling and refuse on Veterans

Day. Recycling and refuse will not be collected Thanksgiving Day. Residents should put their recycling and refuse out the day after their scheduled collection day that week. Friday collections will take place Saturday. Call 240-314-8568 for questions about collections.

No money will be required for parking meters or City-owned garages.

Call 240-314-5000 for more information. **RR**

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Community Branding Under Way
See three possible logos and taglines for the new community brand.

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Ice Skate in the Square
A new ice rink is planned for Town Square this winter.

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Rockville Wants to Hear from You
A citizen survey is being mailed to households this month.



Don't Forget
Smoke detectors save lives. Be sure to change the batteries in your smoke detector with the end of Daylight Saving Time on Sunday, Nov. 7.

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Branding Comes to the City

THE BACKGROUND ON BRANDING

During their biannual retreat of 2008, the Mayor and Council developed their 10-year vision of Rockville, and identified specific priorities to pursue over the subsequent two years. One of the vision priorities for 2008-10 associated with "Economic Development and Sustainability" was to develop and implement a community branding campaign.

Marketing consultants Return On Investment (ROI) and Community Retail Catalysts were hired in 2009, and have worked for roughly seven months to research and develop possible brands, create logos and taglines and develop a strategy to brand Rockville.

David Nellis, of ROI states, "Cities and counties and small towns are all in competition with each other, not just for economic development but also for sustainability, to hold onto businesses and residents they already have," which makes the case why branding is so important in marketing our community.

The City has used the following logo and the City seal as branding elements in the past. These images are:



Share your opinion on the three logos and taglines below at www.rockvillemd.gov/branding.

What Do You Think? Give Your Opinion on Branding

The Mayor and Council are seeking community input on three logos and taglines to be used as part of the new community brand.

A community brand is a collection of perceptions among residents, business owners and visitors. It is the way that people think and feel about the community as a whole.

A brand is not a logo, a tagline, or the two together. Name and symbol recognition do not make the brand, they represent the brand—the thoughts and feelings of people about the community.

Three logos and taglines were developed by consultants after months of research and development:

- **"The World Class City That Feels Like Home"**

This tagline exemplifies Rockville as a leading small city that has held on to the intimate physical and social characteristics that give it a true, hometown look, feel and appeal.

- **"Find The Good Life In A Great City"**

This tagline was developed to invite people to come

to Rockville to investigate and discover how the good life can be found in a city with great physical, environmental and cultural offerings, and access to Washington, D.C.

- **"Get Into It"**

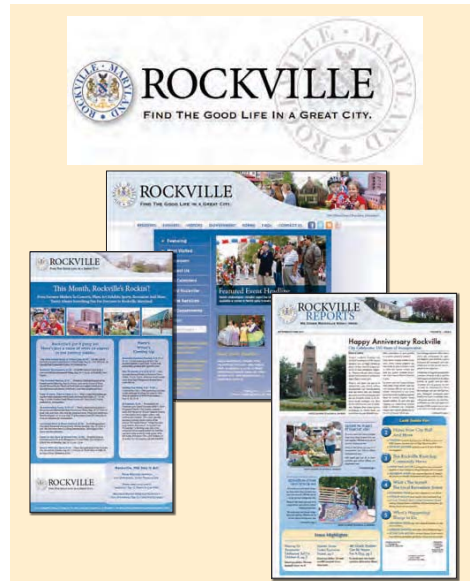
The phrase "Get into it" is both an invitation and a recommendation to find out more about the City and encourages exploration of what Rockville has to offer.

The Mayor and Council will work with the consultant, using your feedback, to develop, select and implement the final community brand.

Please consider commenting on the three potential logos and taglines along with how, when and where you think Rockville should use the brand. To submit your opinions:

- visit the City's website at www.rockvillemd.gov/branding;
- e-mail pio@rockvillemd.gov;
- mail the form below; or
- Visit City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., to complete a comment card. **RR**

The boxes below feature three possible logos and taglines and examples of City materials that have been rebranded. The Mayor and Council are seeking feedback from the community. (See form below to submit your comments.)



Share Your Feedback

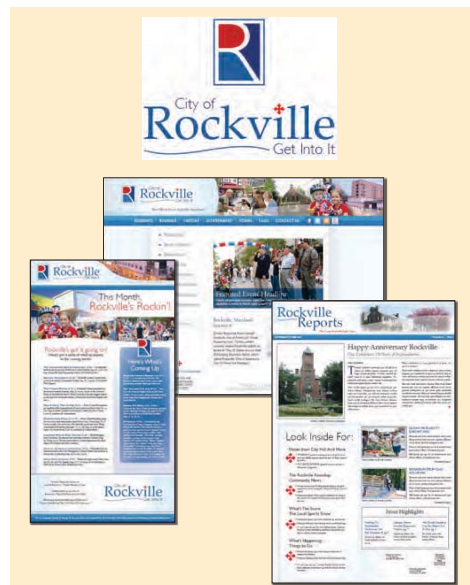
The Mayor and Council are seeking feedback from the community on the three logos and taglines. To submit your comments visit www.rockvillemd.gov/branding, e-mail pio@rockvillemd.gov, mail or drop off written comments to the Communication Division, City of Rockville, 111 Maryland Ave. Rockville, MD 20850.

Comments: _____

How do you think Rockville should use the brand? _____

Name (optional): _____

Phone # and/or E-mail Address (optional): _____



Mayor & Council

City of Rockville Elected Officials (Two-Year Term from November 2009 to November 2011)



Mayor
Phyllis Marcuccio



Councilmember
John B. Britton



Councilmember
Piotr Gajewski



Councilmember
Bridget Donnell Newton



Councilmember
Mark Pierzchala

Mayor and Council Consider New Snow Policies

A change may be coming to two of Rockville's snow emergency ordinances: one that addresses parking and another that addresses shoveling.

The Mayor and Council introduced on Oct. 25 the changes to the laws. They are expected to discuss and vote on the ordinances Nov. 8.

One change will give residents up to 72 hours to clear snow from sidewalks if the accumulation is more than 10 inches. The current policy requires residents to remove snow from sidewalks within 48 hours if the accumulation is more than three inches and 24 hours if the accumulation is less than three inches.

Another proposed change would require residents to clear snow from fire hydrants adjacent their property when snow accumulations are more than 10 inches.

One resident spoke during Citizens Forum at the Oct. 25 meeting asking the Mayor and Council to reconsider requiring property owners adjacent a fire hydrant to be responsible



Residents are reminded to clear snow from sidewalks, steps, public driveways and parking spaces.

for clearing it because they may be elderly or disabled, and unable to do so.

Rockville residents have been required, during a City Manager-declared snow emergency, to park all vehicles on the even-numbered side of the street before a storm and move them to the odd-numbered side once the snow has stopped and the odd-numbered side has been cleared.

If the proposed change is approved, residents will be asked to park and leave their cars on the even-numbered side of the street through the snow emergency parking period. **RR**

PROPOSED SNOW POLICY CHANGES

- Remove requirement for residents to move their vehicles from the even-numbered side of the street to the odd-numbered side of the street following a snowfall in which the City Manager has declared a snow emergency.
- Give residents up to 72 hours to remove snow from sidewalks and public driveways if the snow accumulation is 10 inches or more.
- Require residents to remove snow from fire hydrants adjacent their property when snow accumulations are more than 10 inches.

Boards & Commission Vacancies

The City is seeking applicants for:

- Animal Matters Board (one)
- Board of Appeals (one)
- Compensation Commission (one)
- Environment Commission (one)
- Historic District Commission (one)
- Human Rights Commission (two)
- Human Services Advisory Commission (two)
- Landlord Tenant Affairs (two)
- Planning Commission (one)
- Recreation and Parks Advisory Board (two)
- Retirement Board (one)
- Traffic and Transportation Commission (one)
- Cable Communications Advisory Committee (one)
- Montgomery County TV Board of Directors (one)

Members whose terms are ending are invited to re-apply for appointment. **RR**

Focus on APFO Committee

APFO Committee Forming

The Planning Commission is accepting applications for an advisory committee that will examine the City's Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance (APFO). The APFO ensures that public facilities, including transportation, public schools, fire and emergency service, and water and sewer service are sufficient for the impact of new development. The APFO has been in effect for five years. The committee will review its effectiveness and make recommendations.

To apply, submit an Expression of Interest form, available at www.rockvillemd.gov/government/commissions/pc, and resume by Nov. 15, to David Hill, Chair, Rockville Planning Commission, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850, or by e-mail to planning.commission@rockvillemd.gov. **RR**

MEETINGS & DROP IN SCHEDULE

Meetings are televised on Rockville Channel 11, and are available on streaming video at www.rockvillemd.gov. Residents may comment up to three minutes during "Citizens Forum." Meetings subject to change.

Nov. 8, 7 p.m., City Hall

Nov. 15, 7 p.m., City Hall

Nov. 22, 7 p.m., City Hall

Nov. 29, 7 p.m., City Hall

Drop-in discussions are held one Monday per month, 5:30-6:30 p.m., in the Mayor and Council office at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave. No appointment is necessary, but a call to the City Clerk's Office is appreciated, 240-314-8280. In addition to Mayor Marcuccio, the Councilmember scheduled for November is: **Mark Pierzchala, Nov. 15.**

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Bridge Dedication Set for Nov. 9

An event to officially dedicate the new pedestrian bridge that spans Wootton Parkway near Lakewood Elementary School is scheduled for 3 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9.

The bridge was installed just before the start of school in August. An ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant path connection from Glenmore Terrace to the bridge is expected to be completed by the dedication.

Mayor Phyllis Marcuccio and Lakewood Principal Robin Malcotti are expected to attend the dedication along with Lakewood Elementary School students.



Rockville to Become a 'Let's Move City'

The Mayor and Council voted to become a participant in First Lady Michelle Obama's new "Let's Move Cities and Towns" initiative.

The initiative is designed to engage elected officials across the nation in solving the growing problem of childhood obesity.

There are four main program areas in the initiative: 1) Help Parents Make Healthy Family Choices, 2) Create Healthy Schools, 3) Provide Access to Healthy and Affordable Food and 4) Promote Physical Activity.

To learn more about the City's participation, contact Linda Moran at lmoran@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8115.

Voice Your Opinion About Public School Plans

Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) Board of Education will hold four meetings in November about school boundaries and facilities.

The meeting schedule is:

- Wednesday, Nov. 10, 7 p.m., Boundary and Facility Hearing
- Thursday, Nov. 11, 7 p.m., Boundary and Facility Hearing
- Thursday, Nov. 18, 6 p.m., Boundary and Facility Decisions

The public is invited to attend and comment at the hearings on Nov. 10 and 11. The meetings will inform the MCPS Capital Improvement Project budget for the coming fiscal year.

All Board of Education meetings are held at the Carver Educational Services Center, 850 Hungerford Drive.

The meetings may be viewed live on the MCPS website at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org. The meetings may also be viewed on Comcast Channel 34, Verizon FIOS Channel 36, and RCN Channel 88.

For more information call the MCPS Department of Communications at 301-279-3391.

Mayor and Council Tour City Schools

The Mayor and Council toured four elementary schools within the Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) system in Rockville on Oct. 27, for a first-hand look at the overcrowding issues at the schools located within Rockville City limits.

The Mayor and Council also took the opportunity to talk with principals and MCPS officials about the challenges of overcrowding in their schools and what they are doing to address it.

The Mayor and Council plan to examine the Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance (APFO) and share with the Board of Education concerns and comments about the proposed MCPS FY12 CIP.



Rockville Mayor Phyllis Marcuccio listens as Ritchie Park Elementary School Principal Catherine Long speaks to the Rockville council about overcrowding issues at the school. The Mayor and Council were all on hand for the Oct. 27 tour.

They will discuss a strategy for how to approach MCPS at their Nov. 8 meeting.

The elementary schools toured were Ritchie Park, Beall, Twinbrook and College Gardens. **RR**

Residents Reminded of Requirements for Election Signs

With the election season over, residents are reminded to take note of the City's code requirements for election signs.

All election signs must be removed seven days after the election. It is the obligation of the candidate to ensure that all such signs be removed.

Signs of any kind, including election signs, are not permitted in the public right-of-way. In most cases the right-of-way includes the area between the sidewalks and the street as well as the medians. Any illegal signs will be removed by zoning inspectors. No sign permit is required for election signs.

In all other zones election signs must comply with the requirements of the zone in which it is located.

If you have any questions, please contact Tamara Dietrich at 240-314-8254.



City Staff Available to Discuss Rockville's Pike Draft Plan

City staff is available to discuss the draft plan, Rockville's Pike: Envision a Great Place, with civic and neighborhood groups.

The plan outlines proposed changes for Rockville Pike.

The public hearing draft of the plan for the Rockville Pike corridor will be presented at a joint session of the Planning Commission and Mayor and Council early in 2011. Following that meeting, the consultant team and City staff will hold an open house and make a public presentation.

To schedule time with City staff for your organization, contact Mayra Bayonet at 240-314-8214 or mbayonet@rockvillemd.gov, or Cindy Kebba at 240-314-8233 or ckebba@rockvillemd.gov.

Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/rockvillespike to find out more information about the planning process and to sign up for e-mail updates.

New Inspection Services Listserv Established for Residents, Contractors

The City of Rockville has created a listserv to distribute information about construction-related permitting, licensing and inspection services requirements, policies and procedures.

This information may be of particular interest to contractors, trade workers and other professionals who work on residential and commercial buildings. The listserv also includes information useful to fire protection contractors.

Subscribers will receive periodic e-mail messages.

To subscribe, visit the City's website at www.rockvillemd.gov/contacts/listservs.html and select "Inspection Services Division: Construction Permitting and Licensing."

The Inspection Services Division in the Department of Community Planning and Development Services (CPDS) is responsible for permitting and inspections of new construction in Rockville.

If you have any questions about how to subscribe contact CPDS at 240-314-8200 or cpds@rockvillemd.gov.

News You Can Use

Shedding Light on Streetlight Outages

With approximately 6,000 City-owned and Pepco-owned streetlights located within Rockville, there is often confusion about whom to call and what to do if one is not working.

In Rockville about half the streetlights are City-owned and the other half are owned by Pepco. How do you tell the difference?

Rockville streetlights are on metal poles and use underground wires, while Pepco streetlights are located on wooden poles and have overhead wires.

To report a problem with a City-owned streetlight, call 240-314-8500 or go to www.rockvillemd.gov/e-gov/streetlight.html.

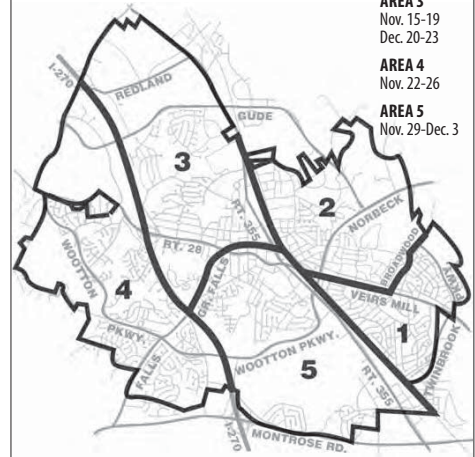
City crews are typically able to assess and repair any problems within 72 hours, unless the streetlight is out because of a power failure. In that case, the City reports the problem to Pepco.

To report a problem with a Pepco-owned streetlight, call 1-877-737-2662 or go to www.pepco.com, click on Service Requests then click on Report an Outage.

When reporting a streetlight outage or malfunction, residents should give as much specific information as possible about the location of the streetlight, including the address. **RR**

Fall Leaf Collection Underway

Fall leaf collection has begun. Refer to the map below or visit www.rockvillemd.gov to find out when crews will be in your neighborhood.



AREA 1
Nov. 1-5
Dec. 6-10

AREA 2
Nov. 8-12
Dec. 13-17

AREA 3
Nov. 15-19
Dec. 20-23

AREA 4
Nov. 22-26

AREA 5
Nov. 29-Dec. 3

Save Money this Winter: Get an Energy Audit

Fall is a great time to consider an energy audit to prepare your home for winter. An energy audit is like getting a doctor's check-up for your home.

Audits are available from private companies and through Pepco.

An audit consists of assessments of your air

conditioning and heating system, insulation, outside air infiltration, lighting and the efficiency of appliances such as hot water heaters.

ferences between floors or moisture problems. Pepco customers may qualify for a range of reduced-cost options for identifying potential energy savings including a Quick Home Energy Check-Up or a Home Performance with Energy Star Audit. Both will survey the energy efficiency of your home and recommend improvements that will result in lower electric bills. The quick check-up takes about 90 minutes and costs \$40. The \$40 fee is waived if you have the surveyor install at least three of the recommended upgrades at the time of the check-up.

The performance audit is more comprehensive and uses advanced modeling software and diagnostic equipment. The promotional cost is \$100 and includes the potential for up to \$1,200 worth of cash incentives and rebates for installing recommended upgrades. Have a home energy audit or retrofit experience you would like to share? E-mail environment@rockvillemd.gov. **RR**

TO LEARN MORE:

- For more about incentive opportunities visit the Database of State Incentives for Renewables & Efficiency at www.dsireusa.org.
- Get details about Maryland Home Performance with Energy Star at www.mdhomeperformance.org.
- Pepco customers visit: www.pepco.com/energy/conservation.

- Dividends: Saving money on monthly electric bills is the prime reason for getting an energy audit. After taking into account the cost of upgrades, the average return on investment is 16 percent.
- Rebates: Many energy upgrades are eligible for tax rebates from the government or utility companies.
- Comfort: Beyond the financial savings, you can also increase the comfort of your home. Imagine your home without drafts, temperature dif-

Focus on Public Works

Efforts Continue to Ensure Reliable Water System

Rockville Department of Public Works staff continues work on Rockville's main 24-inch water transmission line, after restarting operations at the City's Water Treatment Plant on Oct. 8.

Rockville resumed operations at its Water Treatment Plant, following three months of work to assess and repair the City's 24-inch water transmission line.

Pure Technologies began to assess the damaged pipe in August, following two breaks earlier in the summer.

The main transmission line that supplies water from the City's Water Treatment Plant to its customers was inspected and repaired during that time. Contractors completed work to assess an additional 2.1 miles of 24-inch pipe that connect to the main transmission line last month. Crews are now working on the entire 10.1 mile section of pipe to ensure there are no leaks.

Since work began in August, four pipe segments determined to be inadequate have been repaired.

In addition to replacing pipe segments, 10 valves were replaced and or relocated. Replacing the valves provides for a more reliable system and enables the Public Works Department to have better control of the system because the old valves were inoperable or undependable.

A new hydraulic surge suppression tank was installed at the Water Treatment Plant in October. The tank will reduce the negative impacts of abrupt changes in the power supply, which can result in powerful hydraulic surges in the pipeline. Such power "blips" occurred when the water main failed in July.

While the assessment and repair work was being completed on the main transmission line, Rockville purchased water from WSSC to supply its approximately 13,450 customers. A supplemental operating budget request was approved by the Mayor and Council on Oct. 4 for \$1.6 million to cover the unanticipated cost of buying the WSSC water. **RR**

In The Community



Focus on Teens

Teen Programs Keep Kids in Grades 6 through 12 Involved

Middle and high school students can find a safe place to hang out after school, help protect the environment and have fun with friends when school is out, thanks to the City of Rockville teen programs.

"Our programs provide a supervised and safe educational and recreational outlet for kids," said Nina Herndon, teens programs supervisor. "We know that teens and preteens are vulnerable to negative influences when they're not in school and we try to give them positive alternatives."

The City's teen programs are generally open to students in grades 6 through 12. Some programs and events are restricted to either middle or high school students in order to provide a better experience for the youth.

This fall and winter teens and preteens can check out the following activities and events.

- **Teen Lounges** for grades 6-8: There is nothing better than hanging out with friends after school at the

fun, safe and laid back teen lounge at Twinbrook Community Recreation Center or Lincoln Park Community Center.

- **Winter Coat Drive:** Donate your old, gently used and clean winter coats to other youth in need between Monday, Nov. 1, and Saturday, Dec. 4, and help make someone's holidays brighter this year.
- **R-World Go Green Program:** Become a member of the R World team and help make a difference in our community through environmental projects.
- **Capitals Hockey Game:** Grab some friends and head to a hockey game downtown Saturday, Nov. 13.

For more information about teen programs, including registration information and costs, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/teens or contact Nina Herndon at 240-314-8634 or nherndon@rockvillemd.gov. **RR**



Pepco Plans Additional Tree Maintenance in Rockville

In an effort to protect power lines and minimize power outages from fallen trees and branches, Pepco has deployed crews to prune and remove trees along lines in Rockville. Pepco may contact residents for permission to remove their private trees if the trees

are deemed unsafe and threaten power lines.

Tree pruning and removal efforts are focusing on the west side of Rockville, and residents may see crews in their neighborhoods. Pepco plans to complete this work by the end of the year.

Pepco is targeting Tulip Poplar, White Pine, Virginia

Pine, Silver Maple, Red Maple, Black Locust and Northern Red Oak for removal, as these species are more likely to fall in a storm.

If residents have concerns about trees too close

WHOM TO CALL:

Report trees near power lines and concerns about tree trimming to Pepco at 202-833-7500.

to power lines, they may call Pepco at 202-833-7500 to

report the condition and a trained inspector will respond to inspect the property.

If residents have specific concerns about work being performed in their neighborhood or on their property, they may call and ask to leave a message for the Vegetation Management Department. **RR**

Town Square Ice Skating Rink to Open

Rockville will soon be home to a fun and exciting winter activity for residents and visitors: ice skating in the square.

A new temporary ice skating rink will be constructed in Rockville Town Square between Maryland Avenue and Gibbs Street. The rink is scheduled to open sometime this month.

The rink will feature real ice, and will be resurfaced after every two hours of skating.

"I think the ice rink this winter in Town Square is incredibly exciting. The square is perfect for this activity," said Council Member Mark Pierzchala. "The square will be a wonderful gathering place in the winter and this will help our merchants. I'll be strapping on some skates."

The rink will be open Monday through Thursday, noon-10 p.m.; Friday, noon-11 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-



Enjoy ice skating in the square this winter.

11 p.m.; and Sunday, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.

Tickets will cost \$8 for adults and \$7 for children and seniors. Skate rentals will cost \$3. Tickets and skate rentals will be available at the Town Square pavilion at 131 Gibbs Street.

For more information about events and activities in Rockville go to www.rockvillemd.gov, for more information about the ice-skating rink, go to www.rockville-townsquare.com. **RR**

Mayor and Council Support Idea to Encourage Senior-Friendly Businesses in Rockville

The Mayor and Council agreed in October to support a proposal from the Rockville Senior Commission to promote Rockville businesses as "senior friendly" through the Friends of Rockville Seniors (FORS) program.

The goal of the program is to recognize the special needs of seniors and, in turn, bring more business to those establishments that opt to participate in the program.

"The FORS program is an ingenious way to nudge Rockville businesses to recognize that making their premises and practices more senior friendly is indeed self serving," said Councilmember Piotr Gajewski. "It's a win-win approach: Seniors benefit through more shopping options and businesses benefit through an increased bottom line."

With help from the Rockville Chamber of Commerce, criteria are being developed for a business to achieve the senior-friendly distinction. Those

businesses would be identified as Black Eyed Susan Partners. Partner businesses would receive a decal to display. An oversight committee of seniors and City staff will be formed to confirm eligibility and improvement, and to monitor progress.

The FORS committee would make periodic checks on businesses that have met the criteria to ensure they continue to meet the criteria or if they have exceeded the criteria.

The program is still being developed. Some examples of criteria that are among the list of 18 include eliminating barriers to wheelchairs or canes, providing personal shopping assistance, training staff to address senior needs, packing bags so they weigh less than 10 pounds and providing a waiting area with a bench.

To learn more about the program, go to www.rockvillemd.gov/government/mc, click on the Oct. 11 agenda and scroll to the attachment listed next to item No. 12. **RR**

IN AND AROUND ROCKVILLE

Volunteer to be a Mentor

The new school year is under way and Rockville is seeking volunteers for its mentoring program.

The program, now in its 16th year, gives adults and high school students a chance to work one-on-one with elementary students to help them develop their academic and social skills.

Mentors meet with students for one hour each week during the school year. For more information, call Cynthia Bangali at 240-314-8317 or e-mail cbangali@rockvillemd.gov.

License and Protect Your Dog

Residents are reminded that all dogs four months and older in the City of Rockville must be licensed and have current rabies shots.

These requirements help protect your family pet from illness and make it easier to return your pet should he or she become lost.

Licenses are available through the City of Rockville Police Department's Neighborhood Services Division. To apply for a license visit the website at www.rockvillemd.gov/residents/doglicense, download and complete the application form and mail it or take it to the Rockville City Police Department, 111 Maryland Ave.

Dog license fees range from \$6 for a one-year license for an altered dog to \$36 for a three-year license for an unaltered dog. Reduced fees are available for seniors, disabled individuals and public assistance recipients.

For more information call 240-314-8930.

Twinbrook Renaissance Club Provides Safe, Fun After School Care

Students at Twinbrook Elementary School can work on their homework, play games and create arts and crafts at the Twinbrook Renaissance Club.

Focusing on recreation and cultural exploration, the club helps students discover how people live, work and play in different countries while having fun with their friends.



The club is open when Montgomery County Public Schools are in session and operates from 3:30-6:30 p.m. The club is also open on early release days.

Students ages 5 to 12 are welcome.

The program cost is \$120 per month for residents and \$150 for nonresidents.

For more information, or to register, contact Karen Rawlins, community recreation programs supervisor, at 240-314-8633 or krawlins@rockvillemd.gov.

El club Twinbrook Renaissance ofrece cuidados después de la escuela tanto divertida como segura

Los alumnos de la escuela Twinbrook Elementary School pueden hacer su tarea, jugar y crear artesanías y arte en el club Twinbrook Renaissance.

Con la atención puesta en la recreación y la exploración cultural, el club ayuda a que los alumnos descubran cómo viven las personas, trabajan y juegan en diferentes países mientras se divierten con sus amigos.

El club está abierto en el horario en que las escuelas Montgomery County Public Schools están en sesión y funciona de 3:30 a 6:30 p.m. El club también está abierto los días de retiro temprano.

Son bienvenidos todos los alumnos de 5 a 12 años.

El programa tiene un costo de \$120 por mes para los residentes y de \$150 para los no residentes.

Para obtener más información o para inscribirse, comuníquese con Karen Rawlins, supervisora de programas de recreación para la comunidad, al teléfono 240-314-8633 o escribale a krawlins@rockvillemd.gov.

THINGS TO DO IN ROCKVILLE

Tweens Invited to Late Night Friday

The Thomas Farm Community Center, 700 Falls Grove Drive, will host the biggest and best party for kids ages 8 to 12 Friday, Nov. 19, from 7-10 p.m.

The community center will close early so that children can have it all to themselves to play in the gym, enjoy video games and hang out with their friends.



City of Rockville Department of Recreation and Parks staff will supervise the party. Refreshments will be sold.

Party goers can pre-register through the City's website www.rockvillemd.gov or pay at the door. The cost is \$5. To pre-register, visit the website, click on Recreation Registration under Online Services and search for course #33428.



'The Nutcracker' Tickets on Sale Nov. 9

Tickets for "The Nutcracker," a classic holiday tradition, go on sale Tuesday, Nov. 9, through the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre Box Office.

Presented annually since 1974 by the Rockville Civic Ballet under the direction of Claudia Mangan, the show is a community favorite. "The Nutcracker" tells the story of Clara and her voyage through the land of sugarplum fairies.

Performances are scheduled for Saturdays, Dec. 4 and 11, at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and Sundays, Dec. 5 and 12, at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$16 adults; \$12 children (12 years and younger); and \$12 seniors (60 years and older). Group rates are available.

For tickets call the box office at 240-314-8690 between 2 and 7 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, or visit www.rockvillemd.gov/arts.



The Pinneberg Youth Clarinet Ensemble with Brigitta Mullican (far left), Director Dirk Genschler (far right) and Jim McConkey (second from right).

Youth Orchestras Perform Together Rockville Sister City Organized Joint Concert

Through the efforts of the Rockville Sister City Corporation, a youth clarinet ensemble from Pinneberg, Germany, and the Montgomery County Youth Orchestra Clarinet Choir performed for a packed house at the Glenview Mansion in October.

The concert featured 21 young musicians, 14 from Montgomery County and seven from Germany, playing a variety of compositions from the late 1500s to the present day.

Rockville Sister City Corporation organized the concert as one of several cultural exchanges that take place each year. Pinneberg and Rockville have been sister cities since 1957. The sister city corporation was created in 1987 as a nonprofit organization dedicated to the promotion of peace through mutual respect, understanding and cooperation.

To learn more visit www.rocknet.org/community/sistercities/index.html.

Arts and Entertainment

Family Fun and Culture Featured at the Theatre

Rockville residents and visitors will stay warm at the theatre in November with performances by some of the community's most popular arts groups.

The F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre at the Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Drive, will host a variety of shows sure to keep everyone in the family entertained.

Early in the month, The Rockville Musical Theatre will present "The Pajama Game," the story of employees at the Sleepite Pajama Factory who are looking for a raise and refuse to take no for an answer. Performances are scheduled for Fridays and Saturdays, Nov. 5, 6, 12 and 13, at 8 p.m. and Sundays, Nov. 7 and 14, at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$16 to \$20; discounted for seniors and students.

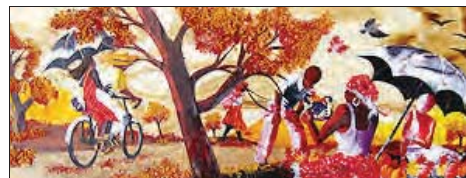
Saturday, Nov. 20, at 2 p.m., the Heart of Maryland Chorus, a chapter of the Sweet Adelines International will perform **Little Red Riding Hood, a Modern Musical**. The 60-member adult female chorus brings

its special brand of a cappella music to a childhood story-time favorite. Tickets are \$15.

Balalaika Across the Steppes, by the Washington Balalaika Society, will be performed at the theatre Saturday, Nov. 20, at 8 p.m. Featuring traditional Russian folk instruments and music, the show will include a special appearance by Volodymyr and Natalia Marunych from the Ukraine. Tickets cost \$18 to \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door.

The Rockville Concert Band will present **Viva Espana** Sunday, Nov. 21, at 3 p.m. A selection of familiar and new Spanish-inspired songs, the concert showcases the talents of Rockville's favorite community performers. The show is free, with a suggested \$5 per person donation helping to support the band. No tickets are required.

To purchase tickets for any of the shows visit www.rockvillemd.gov/theatre or contact the box office at 240-314-8690 between 2 and 7 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. **RR**



The mixed media collages of Hussein Saidi along with work from three other artists will be on display in November.

Glenview Mansion Art Gallery Presents Free Show and Concert in November

The Glenview Mansion Art Gallery at Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Drive, will showcase four local visual artists Sunday, Nov. 7, through Tuesday, Nov. 30.

The monthly gallery exhibit will feature Michael Ian Goulding's silver gelatin photographs; Hussein Saidi's mixed media collages; Jackie Hoysted's acrylic on pastel paper; and Mara Odette's sculpture.

The show will open with a free community reception Sunday, Nov. 7, 1:30-3:30 p.m. The U.S. Navy Band Chamber Ensemble will entertain visitors between 2 and 3 p.m.

Admission to the gallery is free. Gallery hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; and closed official City holidays. Glenview

Mansion Art Gallery is wheelchair accessible.

For additional information about the monthly opening receptions, visit the City's website at www.rockvillemd.gov/arts or contact Julie Farrell at 240-314-8682 or jfarrell@rockvillemd.gov. **RR**



Jackie Hoysted's acrylic on pastel paper will be displayed at Glenview.

Entertain the Kids During Winter Break Childcare and Camps Available

Keep your kids entertained and safe during the Montgomery County Public Schools' winter break at a mini-camp or childcare program with the City of Rockville.

Registration is open for these programs:

- **Winter Wonderland Camp**, Monday, Dec. 27, to Thursday, Dec. 30, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Twinbrook Community Recreation Center, 12920 Twinbrook Parkway. Open to children ages 5-11. Play games and sports and have fun with friends. The session costs \$120 for residents, \$135 for nonresidents. Register for course #33485.
- **Winter Break Clubhouse**, Monday, Dec. 27, to Thursday, Dec. 30, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Lincoln Park Community Center, 357 Frederick Ave. Open to children in grades kindergarten through eight. Activities include crafts, sports and a field trip. The session costs \$50 for residents, \$75 for nonresidents. Register for course #33500.
- **Winter Break Fun Days**, Monday, Dec. 27, to Thursday, Dec. 30, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Thomas Farm Community Center, 700 Falls Grove Drive. Open to children ages 7-11. Enjoy supervised fun with new and old friends. The session costs \$125 for residents, \$135 for nonresidents. Register for course #33504.
- **Winter Nature Fun Days**, Wednesday, Dec. 29, and Thursday, Dec. 30, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at Croydon Creek Nature Center, 852 Avery Road. Open to children ages 7-12. Learn about animals and explore nature. Register separately for each day; each day costs \$40 for residents, \$45 for nonresidents. Wednesday is course #33483 and Thursday is course #33484.

To register, visit the City's website at www.rockvillemd.gov, click on Recreation Registration under Online Services and search for the course number. For more information call 240-314-8629. **RR**

Focus on Farmers Market



Farmers Market Brings the Best of Autumn to Rockville in November

Farm fresh squash, apples and artisan cheeses are just a few of the fall favorites available at the Rockville Farmers Market each Saturday until Nov. 20.

Almost two dozen local farmers welcome visitors and residents to the weekly market at the corner of Route 28 and Monroe Street between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

"The fall is the best time of year at the market," said Mike Coppersmith, special operations supervisor and the City's farmers market

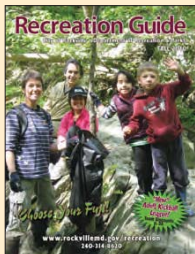
coordinator. "The weather is great, the vendors bring amazing produce and community members have a good time running into friends and picking up something new."

On Nov. 13, the Farmers Market will feature wine samples and sales from Maryland winery Elk Run Vineyards.

For more information about the Rockville Farmers Market, including directions and a complete list of participating farmers, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/events. **RR**

FACILITIES ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS

- Glenview Mansion Art Gallery GM**, Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Drive
- F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre FSF**, Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Drive
- Croydon Creek Nature Center CC**, Rockville Civic Center Park, 852 Avery Road. Register online at www.rockvillemd.gov or call 240-314-8770.
- Rockville Senior Center SR**, 1150 Carnation Drive. Call 240-314-8800.
- Rockville City Hall CH**, 111 Maryland Ave. Call 240-314-5000.



Rockville offers a variety of classes and programs each season. Find something that interests you at www.rockvillemd.gov and click on recreation registration in the right sidebar. Registration for fall programs is ongoing.

Month of November

5,6,7,12,13,14 The Pajama Game The Rockville Musical Theatre presents the story of employees at the Sleepy Pajama Factory who are looking for a raise, and won't take no for an answer. Showtimes: Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m.; Sundays, 2 p.m. Tickets: \$16-\$20, discounted for seniors and students. **FSF**



6,13,20 Farmers Market Enjoy the tastes and colors of fall during the final weeks of the Rockville Farmers Market, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on the corner of Route 28 and Monroe Street. FREE parking.

7 Rockville 10K/5K Run Cheer on your favorite runner or participate in this annual race beginning and ending in the King Farm neighborhood. The race begins at 8:30 a.m. Register or learn more at www.mccrc.org.

November Calendar

RES = Residents • NR = Non Residents • MEM = Member • NM = Non Member

7-30 Glenview Art Gallery Show Featuring Michael Ian Goulding, silver gelatin photographs; Hussein Saidi, mixed media collages; Jackie Hoysted, acrylic on pastel paper; and Mara Odette, sculptures. Opening reception Nov. 7, 1:30-3:30. FREE **GM**



8-15 (Mondays and Wednesdays) Microsoft Word Have you struggled with the appearance of your text, not been able to line up text, collate a list or make your documents look professional? Learn these and other features. Class meets for three two-hour sessions. Note: \$5 material fee payable to instructor at first class. 10 a.m.-noon. \$25 MEM/\$33 RES/\$40 NR. **SR**

9 Holiday Home Decorating Mark Barrick, Senior Home Maintenance and Safety Coordinator, will discuss the purchase and placement of proper holiday lighting, safe and secure installation and general tips. 1-2 p.m. FREE **SR**

9 Woodworking - Holiday Project Make a holiday decoration out of wood with Peter McNally of Montgomery College. Then take it home, paint it and return for a second class to decorate it with the help of Judy Beck. 1-3 p.m. \$10 MEM/\$12 RES/\$15 NR. **SR**

10 Wacky Wednesday Moms and kids 2-5 years old can enjoy story time, activities, gym time and fun at the Twinbrook Community Recreation Center, 12920 Twinbrook Parkway, 10:30-11:30 a.m. \$5 per child.

10 Veterans Benefits and Recognition Day Meet with a representative of the Veterans Service Programs for Maryland to hear an update on available programs and services. Light refreshments will follow. Register by Nov. 3. 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. FREE MEM/RES/\$4 NR. **SR**



10 Facebook and Twitter Learn what social networking is and how you can use social media to connect and communicate with your children, grandchildren and friends. Presented by Shannon Loomis, Public Information Specialist. 1-2 p.m. FREE **SR**

11 Veterans Day Ceremony Recognize local veterans at the annual remembrance ceremony at 11 a.m. at Veterans Park on the corner of Rt. 355 and Rt. 28. FREE

11 Tree ID Learn how to identify common trees found around the nature center. Participants will receive a Tree Identification Guide to take home. 1-2:30 p.m. Ages 8-12. \$8 RES/\$10 NR. **CC**

14 Conservation Landscaping Training Learn how to turn your lawn into an environmentally friendly landscape, 1:30-4 p.m. Call 240-314-8877 to register. FREE **CC**

14 Thanksgiving Centerpiece Need something special to decorate your Thanksgiving table? Celebrate the season by creating a centerpiece made from the natural beauty and bounty of nature. Visit the nature center to see a sample of the centerpiece. 3-4 p.m. Age 16 and older. Register by Nov. 8. \$15 RES/\$20 NR. **CC**

15 Senior Fire Safety Matthew Kelleher, a 33-year veteran of Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service, will discuss fire safety and the special situations and needs that seniors may face in emergencies, and actions to reduce risks. 1-2:30 p.m. FREE **SR**

16 Stress Control for Families Learn to identify situations and circumstances that can create excessive stress and develop a plan to minimize it. Child care will be provided for ages 4 and up. 7-8:30 p.m. at Twinbrook Community Recreation Center, 12920 Twinbrook Parkway. \$11 RES/\$17 NR.

16-18 Computer Basics This class offers a hands-on introduction for beginning computer users. Prerequisite: Use of Keyboard & Mouse. Further free optional training is available in the Beginner Practice Lab, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Fridays. 10-11:30 a.m. \$5 MEM/\$7 RES/\$10 NR. **SR**

17 Health Care Reform and Medicare 2011 Learn what you need to know to keep up with Medicare and Prescription Drug changes. Hear the best ways to save on your Rx Part D Program and how to select the best plan. Learn how Medigap plans have changed and about the best programs and benefits including Medicare Advantage plans. Presented by Leta Blank, Senior Health Insurance Program. 1-2 p.m. FREE **SR**

18 Young In Heart and Triple F Club Thanksgiving Luncheon at Golden Bull Restaurant, Gaithersburg. 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Registration required by Nov. 11. **SR**

18 Diabetes Management Maria Chamberlain, Suburban Hospital nurse and certified diabetes educator, discusses practical diabetes management skills, including information about educational resources available. 1-2 p.m. FREE **SR**



18 Tiny Tot Walks - Terrific Turkeys Wild turkeys can run up to 25 miles per hour and fly up to 55 miles per hour. Join us to learn more about this amazing wild bird. Dress for the weather. 10:30-11:15 a.m. Ages 2-3 1/2. \$6 RES/\$7 NR. **CC**

18 Tyke Hikes -Turkey Tales During the day wild turkeys roam pecking for seeds, berries and small insects, but they spend their nights roosting in trees. Find out more about this large, wild bird. Dress for the weather. 1-2 p.m. Ages 3 1/2-6. \$6 RES/\$7 NR. **CC**

19 Late Night Friday Children ages 8-12 have Thomas Farm Community Center, 700 Falls-grove Drive, all to themselves between 7 and 10 p.m. to play in the gym, enjoy video games and hang out with their friends. \$5 at the door.

20 Saturday Story and Hike Stop by the nature center for story time and a hike. A naturalist will read a story and lead a hike based on the story. Dress for the weather. All children must be accompanied by an adult. 10-11 a.m. Ages 2-5. \$3 RES/ \$5 NR. **CC**

20 Little Red Riding Hood, a Modern Musical Presented by the Heart of Maryland Chorus, a chapter of Sweet Adelines. International. Tickets: \$15. Showtime: 2 p.m. **FSF**



20 Balalaika Across the Steppes Volodymyr and Natalia Marunch from the Ukraine will join the Washington Balalaika Society for this special evening, at 8 p.m. Tickets: \$18-20 in advance, \$25 at the door. **FSF**

21 Ride Rockville's Bike Beltway Ride the 10.6 mile Millennium

Trail with your friends and family. Rain at start time cancels the ride; wet pavement does not. Depart from the Rockville Senior Center at 10 a.m. FREE

21 Viva España Warm up with the music of Rockville's own concert band at 3 p.m. Free, \$5 suggested donation. **FSF**



Watch 'Where We Live: West End' This Month on Channel 11

Residents interested in the history, people and characteristics of Rockville's many neighborhoods should be sure to catch the latest installment of the Rockville 11 series "Where We Live."

Running on cable channel 11, and available on the City's website, the most recent edition focuses on the West End. The West End, located between I-270 and Town Center, is known for its historic homes and friendly small town feel.

Previous episodes have focused on East Rockville, Lincoln Park, New Mark Commons and Twinbrook. All of the episodes may be viewed on the website at www.rockvillemd.gov/government/city-manager/neighborhoods/where_we_live.htm.

30-Dec. 2 Simple Word Processing Skills Learn to create, save and file documents.

This class will also teach you about the Navigation Bar, how to edit, view, insert and format your document. Note: \$3 manual fee payable to instructor at first class. Class meets for two 2-hour sessions. 1-3 p.m. \$7 MEM/\$9 RES/\$13 NR. **SR**

30-Dec. 14 (Tuesdays) High Dynamic Range Digital Photo The software required will be supplied and students will produce photo files ready for printing. A digital SLR or camera with an aperture control feature is required and a tripod will be a necessary accessory. Note: \$8 materials fee payable at the first class. 10 a.m.-noon. \$36 MEM/\$45 RES/\$56 NR. **SR**

Boards and Commissions

Meetings are held at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., unless otherwise noted.

9 Environment Commission 7:30 p.m. Meets the second Tuesday of the month. **CH**

10 Sister City Corporation 7:30 p.m. Meets the second Wednesday of the month. **CH**

16 Rockville Seniors, Inc. 1 p.m., Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive. Meets the third Tuesday of the month.

16 Traffic and Transportation Commission 7:30 p.m. **CH**

17 Rockville Housing Enterprises 6:30 p.m., 621-A Southlawn Lane. Meets the third Wednesday of the month.

17 Planning Commission 7 p.m. Meets the first and third Wednesday of November and December. **CH**

18 Senior Citizens Commission 10 a.m. to noon, Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive. Meets the third Thursday of the month.

18 Historic District Commission 7:30 p.m. Meets the third Thursday of the month. **CH**

IN BRIEF

Annual Rockville 10K/5K Run Registration Open

The 35th annual Rockville 10K/5K Run will take place at 8:30 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 7, in King Farm. The autumn race is presented by the City of Rockville, hosted by King Farm Village Center and Regency Centers, and conducted by the Montgomery County Road Runners Club.

The 10K run is a qualifier for the Maryland Senior Olympics.

The race uses the chip timing system, which provides quicker and more accurate race scoring.

Race packet pick-up and late registration is available 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, at Potomac River Running, Rockville Town Square, 155 Gibbs St., Rockville. Registration is \$35 on race day.

For more information, e-mail rocrun@mcrrc.org or call 301-651-3772.

Stress Control for Families Workshop Offered This Month

Stress is a very real factor operating in all of our lives, particularly during the holidays. The Stress Control for Families workshop, Tuesday, Nov. 16, from 7-8:30 p.m. will help control your stress during the upcoming holiday season and throughout the year.

The workshop, held at Twinbrook Community Recreation Center, 12920 Twinbrook Parkway, will teach participants how to identify situations and circumstances that can create excessive stress and develop a plan to minimize it.

The workshop costs \$11 for City of Rockville residents and \$17 for nonresidents.

Childcare will be provided for children ages 4 and older.

Registration is required, to register visit www.rockvillemd.gov and click on Recreation Registration under Online Services. Search for course #33434.

For more information see www.rockvillemd.gov/twinbrook or call 240-314-8830.



Learn a New Kind of Landscaping

Learn about Rockville's Conservation Landscaping Program during an information and training session that will be held 1:30-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14, at Croydon Creek Nature Center, 852 Avery Road.

Residents have the opportunity to learn ways to change their backyard and have it offer refuge to the many native plants, insects, birds and animals being displaced by development, increasing levels of pollution, introduction of invasive species and climate change.

Register by Tuesday, Nov. 9, by e-mailing Amanda Matheny at amatheny@rockvillemd.gov or calling 240-314-8877. When registering by e-mail, please include your name, phone number and home address. The workshop is free.



Neighborhood Notes



Congratulations to the Good Neighbor Award Recipients.

Rockville's Good Neighbors Recognized

Thirteen residents were nominated for the 2009/2010 Good Neighbor Awards. Mayor Phyllis Marcuccio and Councilmember Bridget Newton presented certificates to:

- **Rebecca Barber** for her commitment to the Fallsgrove neighborhood.
- **Joan Bejean** for her volunteer work with the King Farm swim team.
- **Richard Bosmans** for helping to clear the snow from sidewalks and driveways in his neighborhood.
- **Nancy Breen** for her advocacy of bicycling throughout the city.
- **Gordon Warren Crutchfield** for his friendly assistance to neighbors in all weather.
- **Mike Dorsey** for helping to clear snow and his work with the City to address traffic issues in his

neighborhood.

- **Jim Heinonen** for his commitment to his neighbors and willingness to lend a helping hand.
- **Francisco Lopez** for his work to clear his street after a tree went down in the big July storm.
- **Steve Nesbit** for his volunteer work with the Fallsgrove community.
- **Joe and Patty Timm** for their support of their Twinbrook neighbors throughout the year.
- **Keith Valentine** for the friendly care of his neighbors.
- **Jeff Weber** for his volunteer work with the City and the Children's Inn at the National Institutes of Health.

For more information about the annual awards, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/neighborhoods. **RR**

Write and Send Letters to Troops

Everyone interested in showing support for troops stationed overseas is encouraged to participate in an afternoon of letter writing Tuesday, Nov. 16, from 1-2 p.m. at the Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive. Residents of all ages are invited to participate.

Sample letters, stationery

and pens will be provided.

The letters will be collected and sent to troops with USO care packages. Anyone who would like to participate but is unable to attend the meeting may drop off letters ahead of time at the senior center.

For more information contact the senior center at 240-314-8800. **RR**



THANKS ROCKVILLE... With your help, the City of Rockville Police Department collected eight boxes of unneeded and out of date prescription drugs to turn over to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency. This nationwide effort helps dispose of prescription drugs safely and keeps them away from dealers.

Citizen Survey May Hit Your Mailbox

Rockville will conduct its sixth biannual Citizen Survey in November. The survey provides an opportunity for residents to rate their satisfaction with the quality of life in the City, the community's amenities and local government services.

The National Research Center (NRC) will conduct the survey. Responses will be anonymous.

A sample of households is selected at random to participate in the survey. Those who are selected will

receive the survey in early November. Translation services will be provided for residents who need assistance.

If you receive a survey, please take the time to complete it.

The survey results help the City improve the quality of services to citizens. For example, in 2007, some neighborhoods reported they did not have enough street lighting and the City worked with Pepco to install approximately 200 new streetlights in those areas. **RR**

CHECK OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING ON THE WEBSITE

Comment on Channel 11 Programs

The Rockville Channel 11 website, www.rockvillemd.gov/rockville11, was recently updated and now features the ability for viewers to comment on channel 11 programs.

Viewers may share feedback on a specific program, submit ideas for new programs and ask questions.

The website also features easy-to-navigate program highlights, a Frequently Asked Questions section, and links to streaming and on-demand video.

For more information contact Bridget Broullire, station manager, at 240-314-

8187 or bbroullire@rockvillemd.gov. **RR**

City Updates Green Building Website

Check out the relaunch of Rockville's Green Building website, www.rockvillemd.gov/environment/green-building. The site has been updated to help residents and businesses comply with the City's new building codes and green building regulations.

Some of the updated features include:

- New instructions, applications and checklists for incorporating green building in the development and building permit process;
- Templates to assist com-

mercial projects with compliance with LEED requirements;

- Resources to help green home construction and renovations;
- Resources to help green commercial projects and renovations;
- Links to energy and green building incentives and rebates;
- Links to regional green building and sustainability trainings and events; and
- Maps featuring Rockville's LEED and ENERGY STAR buildings.

If you have green building questions or suggestions, contact Erica Shingara at eshingara@rockvillemd.gov. **RR**



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